



## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Well hello there. It has been a long time hasn't it? Sorry about that... 2020 part 2 has been interesting.... and it isn't even half over yet!. I plan to get us back on the normal schedule starting now, so be thinking about sending stories, tips, recipes, pics, etc to your editor for the next edition! I certainly have some big shoes to fill after Nancy and you can help by sharing! Speaking of Nancy, this edition comes from her address, but for the next edition please add [ccctrailblazer@gmail.com](mailto:ccctrailblazer@gmail.com) to your address book so the Trailblazer does not go into your spam folder!

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T Burgess, Editor

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Chinook Family!

I wished for quite some time to say goodbye to 2020 and a return to normal in 2021. Alas, Covid said "notso fast" and we found ourselves cancelling the January 2021 Winter Rally.

But as Spring arrived, hopes were high and our rally did not disappoint. Spring Lake RV Resort in Crossville, TN was the perfect cure. Well attended, and I believe enjoyed by all, this was a beautiful setting, wonderful club house and porch. Finally,



we were able to begin our year long “20th Anniversary” celebration of the Chinook Camping Club – 2001 to 2021 – and



beyond! We hope the Summer Rally with a temporary change to routine, will be enjoyed by those attending. Jim & Lisa will be super hosts and a fun time for all I am sure. Looking forward to seeing you all at our Fall Annual Rally in New Hampshire at Strafford/Lake Winnepesaukee KOA!

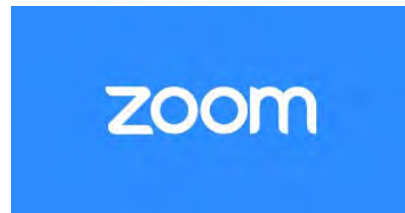
Russ and I thank everyone for making my job a breeze. You are the BEST group of friends.

Happy Trails always, Eileen

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## CHINOOK ZOOMIES

During 2020, Chinookers started getting together on the online platform Zoom. It's been such a success that we voted at the annual meeting to pay the small fee for an annual membership, so that we didn't have to worry about running over the forty minute limit of the free version. It can also be used for board meetings, or other get-togethers.



We've been meeting every other week on Tuesdays at 5 pm Eastern time. Plan about an hour to meet: if we're hot on a topic we can run over. Check our [Facebook group](#) for each meetings invite info. Eileen's weekly updates will also contain the link. Sign-in information shouldn't change from week to week, but use the latest information posted just to be sure.

Need help trying to join? Email Mark McCluski [mmcluski1@mac.com](mailto:mmcluski1@mac.com) for info, or post to the Facebook group and you will get lots of help!

Here are some pointers for using Zoom:

- Only use one join method at a time, where you join on different devices in the same room, it often sets up feedback loops that echo painfully through the meeting.
- Keep yourself muted unless you want to say something
- On a pc you can use the space bar to temporarily unmute yourself to talk. Press while you are talking and when you let go it re-mutes you!

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## 2021 SPRING RALLY WRAP-UP

by Eileen Disbrow

Spring Lake RV Resort, Crossville, TN

What a great time we all had from “pre-rally” to “post-rally” while gathering together for our first time since October. Spring Lake was the perfect setting and we had beautiful weather.



A few members arrived early and we did a quick “pizza” delivery thanks to Mark and DoorDash. As more members arrived on Monday, smiling faces were everywhere. By the end of the rally, 29 Chinooks had gathered with #27 being

first time at a rally, Tim & Terri Anstice, #28 our new members Vivian & John and #29 being our "surprise" new family, Dustin, Kendra and Dagwood!

The normal activities were enjoyed, a non-traditional "Meet 'n Greet" was more "meet" than "meat" as we kept it simple but learned much about each of our members. Breakfasts, Pot-Luck, Hot Dog Cook-Out were great – never a lack of nourishment.

We enjoyed learning of the early years of the club as Tom & Sue Jackson walked us through the beginning years of the Chinook Camping Club. Their presentation was appreciated very much. This being our 20th year, we even celebrated with a cake. Pat was busy delivering the Anniversary Fleece Throw to members who had pre-ordered.

Our evening activities were organized by David & Debbie Marks. What fun we had each night! Many members were stumped guessing "who was who" in the photos but they did a good job and quite a few were identified. We were kept busy with games stretching our manual dexterity to the limit. David & Debbie did an outstanding job entertaining everyone.

Not to be out done by our Tech Tips, Troubles and Triumphs, the "She-Nook" session was well attended and great information was shared.

Members relaxed, shared moments together, enjoyed the outdoor games and simply catching up with dear friends from near and far. As the rally ended, we hated to say farewell. Quite a few headed off to Falls Creek Falls State Park and a few remained for an extra night of fun at Spring Lake. The rally was a huge success and the location a favorite of many.

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## UPCOMING RALLIES

All rallies officially run from Monday thru Wednesday (depart Thursday morning). Feel free to come early and stay late as the mood takes you. Please note that extra days may or may not be charged at the rally rate: individual park policies vary.

2021

Summer Rally  
June 7-10 2021  
Poncho's Pond  
5335 W. Wallace Lane  
Ludington, MI 49431  
888-308-6602  
231-845-6655- Erica

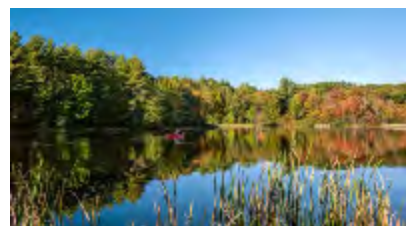


Cut-off for reservations was May 1, 2021.

Another reschedule from 2020. Unfortunately, the COVID 19 situation in Michigan is still problematic. The club has decided not to cancel the rally, but as of this writing there will be no indoor meeting space open for the group, and activities are going to be streamlined. The campground advises that restaurants and points of interest are largely open but may have reduced access. It should still be possible to explore and visit beautiful Ludington on Lake Michigan and to take your Chinook on the car ferry to Manitowoc Wisconsin.

Remember: cash or check only. Poncho's Pond does not take credit cards.

Fall Annual Rally and Annual Meeting  
Oct 4-7, 2021  
Strafford/Lake Winnepesaukee KOA  
79 First Crown Point Road  
Strafford, NH 03884  
Guest Service Mgr  
603-332-0405 ext. #2



Group members should phone and say they are with the Chinook Camping Club October 2021, give the reservations specialist the site type they want (RV or Cabin) and they can make their deposits. The phone number is 603-332-0405 extension #2 for guest services.

Cut off for registrations is Aug 13 2021

2022

There is not much concrete news to share about the 2022 rally schedule as of now. The spring rally at Tybee Island is a lock (dates and registration information follows). We have dates committed for the 2022 summer and fall rallies and are awaiting word that reservations can be taken; what we know about those rallies appears below as well. The winter rally continues to be the most nebulous. Keystone Heights RV Resort genuinely seems to want us, but they are a new park and our club is but one of many things they are contending with. Still, if I don't have something more established in hand by the time July/August rolls around when I can book Flamingo Lake I will contact Flamingo Lake and we can return there.

Winter Rally 2022  
TO BE DETERMINED

Spring Rally  
March 7-10 2022  
River's End Campground  
<https://www.riversendcampground.com>  
5 Fort Avenue  
Tybee Island, GA 31328  
Reservations are being accepted!  
Cut-off date for reservations is December 7,  
2021



Rally reservations must be made by phone in order to receive the rally discount. DO NOT RESERVE ONLINE. DO NOT RESERVE VIA EMAIL. Phone 912-786-5518 ext 5 and SPEAK TO TIFFANY. Say you are with the Chinook Camping Club. Otherwise the correct rate will not be applied.

- Office staff work only 4 days a week, and the schedule changes weekly. If you cannot speak to Tiffany, find out when she will be in and try again.
- Most sites are classed as "full hookup" and are \$61 per night (rally rate)
- Several sites are classed as "preferred full hook-up" and are \$65 per night (rally rate). Preferred sites are sites in higher demand; they do not offer extra features. In order to keep the club together geographically we took this mix.
- Members can ask for full hook up or preferred, but no site numbers will be assigned when reservations are being made.
- Water and electric only sites are available for \$57 per night (rally rate). They are removed from most of the club sites geographically and none were reserved for the rally. It may be possible to request one even so.
- Rally rates will apply only for the dates of the rally. Extra days before the rally or for Thursday night following the rally will cost the full mid-season rate (currently \$67 Full Hookup and \$72 Preferred)
- There is a big Irish festival scheduled for the weekend following the rally. Anyone staying Friday, Saturday, or Sunday will be charged festival pricing (currently \$89 FHU and \$99 Preferred). Sounds like a great event, though, and your Rally VP is staying on through Sunday.
- The campground requires separate reservations for rally days and non-rally days, but not a separate deposit.
- A non-refundable credit card deposit is required for all reservations.
- Please cancel as soon as you know you cannot make it. Cancellation requests must be submitted via email.
- In order to avoid being charged for your entire stay, you must cancel more than 3 days prior to your arrival date. No-shows and cancellation notices less than 3 days in advance forfeit their deposit and River's End Campground & RV Park reserves the right to charge you the entire reservation period.
- Canceled reservations that have given the required 3 day notice will be issued an in-house credit for the amount of the original deposit. This credit must be applied to a



new reservation within 6 months of the date of cancellation. Unused credits will be forfeited after 6 months.

- If you need to change your arrival or departure date, you must do it 3 days before your arrival date to avoid being charged for your original dates. River's End Campground will make one change to your reservation without penalty, so long as you have given the required 3 day notice. A \$20 administrative fee will be applied for each subsequent change to your reservation.

### Summer Rally

June 6 - 9 2022

Outer Banks West / Currituck Sound Koa

1631 Waterlily Road

Coinjock, NC 27923

DATES ARE CONFIRMED, SO YOU CAN MARK YOUR CALENDARS. RESERVATIONS ARE NOT YET BEING ACCEPTED.

Cut-off date for reservations will be May 6 2022 but again, we do not yet have to go-ahead for members to register

Anticipated 2022 rates: \$49 back-in sites, \$59 pull-through, \$69 waterfront (plus 6.75% tax and \$4.99/day resort fee)

Up to 2 extra days before and after the rally may be booked at the rally rate.



### Fall Rally and Annual Meeting

September 26-29 2022

Hagerstown / Antietam Battlefield KOA

11759 Snug Harbor Lane

Williamsport, MD 21795

DATES AND ARRANGEMENTS AWAITING CONFIRMATION-DO NOT CONTACT AT THIS TIME. 2022 pricing schedule not yet available



RALLY HOSTS NEEDED: We're coming up with ideas to streamline the host job all the time. It really is getting easier, and it never really was all that tough. It's an asset when someone lives close to where we're camping, but I hosted Vermont from New Jersey and that can off just fine. Please give hosting a thought. Email me for more info or to volunteer! [mmcluski1@mac.com](mailto:mmcluski1@mac.com)

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## CHEESY BRUSSELS AND 'BASA

- 1 tsp bacon grease (or butter)
- 1 kielbasa sliced
- 1 bag Brussel sprouts cut into quarters
- 1/2 to 1 cup ranch or creamy Italian dressing (to taste)
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1-2 Tbsp Tabasco sauce to taste

1. Marinate Brussel sprouts in dressing 15 minutes
2. Melt bacon grease (or butter) over medium heat
3. Saute sliced kielbasa til edges are starting to crisp
4. Remove keilbasa and set aside
5. Saute Brussel sprouts until tender
6. Return keilbasa to pot and stir
7. Stir in sour cream and cheddar cheese and tabasco and turn off heat
8. Serve in Instant Pot to keep warm. but be sure top label your pot as there may be a dozen Instant Pots on the table!



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## ANY SUGGESTIONS?



At the rallies, we hope to have some time for discussions of club business and ideas, but since not everyone attends the rallies (if you haven't attended, we hope to see you soon!) we want to make sure you are sharing your ideas, opinions, comments, issues and kudos with us! Please make sure to send along your thoughts and ideas to [ccc.eileen@gmail.com](mailto:ccc.eileen@gmail.com). The club is only as good as the members that contribute! Thanks for all you do!

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## HAVE YOU SEEN...

Different kinds of campsites:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/travel/tips/camp-rental-utah-california-yellowstone/>

The secret's out:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/hudsonlindenberger/2021/04/21/harvest-hosts-brings-business-to-breweries-and-distilleries-by-providing-rv-camping/?sh=240e72cd64d9>

Itching to visit Canada this summer?

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/canada-u-s-border-restrictions-extended-another-month-to-june-21-1.5433345>

How do I do that? RV 101

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTqDOKzeH96TUZ1gX3frQtg>

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## CHINOOK CLUB COMMUNICATION

Many resources are available for Chinookers. Here are some to make sure you follow!

Chinook Facebook groups:

Chinook Camping Club (closed members only group, request membership) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChinookCampingClub/>

Search for the [I Love My Chinook RV](#) Facebook group as well, lots of good information on there from both east and west club members and non-members.

Web site: Chinook Camping Club <http://chinookrvclub.com/chinookeastclub.html>

Chinook Forums: these are a gold mine for those who work on their own rigs. The members on here can answer about any question you have.

Chinook RV Owners Yahoo group THIS GROUP HAD TO MOVE OFF OF THE YAHOO FORUM, WHICH IS BEING DISCONTINUED. CONTACT DAVE SHEHANE FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO JOIN. [dave@shehane.net](mailto:dave@shehane.net)

Chinook Forum <http://www.chinookrvforum.com/>

Photos from rallies: See the new information at the bottom of the newsletter.

Parts suppliers list: <http://chinookrvclub.com/images/PartsServiceListingsAPR2020.pdf>

Travel Blog Spot: set up by previous member Sally Arnold to share information on

campgrounds <http://chinooktravel.blogspot.com/>

Google drive for Chinook Club: contains many information documents and instructions. Contact Gerry Rutter for access.

RESOURCE: [CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES](#)  
Includes the link to the parts listing, and additional online resources.

Do you have resources you consult for trips, maintenance and repair, general RV fun? Let us know! Send it to the editor at [ccctrailblazer@gmail.com](mailto:ccctrailblazer@gmail.com)

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